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**TWO MEN ARRESTED FOR CONSPIRACY TO POSSESS WITH INTENT TO
DISTRIBUTE HEROIN**

Baltimore, Maryland - Allen F. Loucks, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that Payton Green, age 30, of Baltimore, Maryland, and James Larbi, age 28, of the Bronx, New York were arrested and have been charged with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute more than one kilogram of heroin.

According to the complaint, Green and Larbi were arrested yesterday after members of the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Baltimore City Police received a tip that Green, a known large scale distributor of heroin in Baltimore, was going to meet his New York source of supply. Agents from the DEA, Baltimore Police and other agencies observed Green during a meeting with Larbi at the Greyhound Bus Station on Haines Street in Baltimore City. Agents followed Green and Larbi who were traveling north on I-83 and attempted to conduct a traffic stop of Green's vehicle. Green, who was the driver, led officers in a high speed chase off of I-83 onto 28th Street in Baltimore. The pursuit ended when Green became involved in a traffic accident at the intersection of 28th and Sisson Streets. Agents apprehended Green and Larbi and recovered approximately \$400,000 in cash from a suitcase in the car and over 6 kilograms of heroin.

A third man, Carlos Scovens, age 38, of Baltimore, Maryland was also arrested on an outstanding warrant in an unrelated criminal investigation. He is charged with possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine.

Search warrants conducted as a result of the investigation led to the discovery of an additional \$200,000 and 800 grams of heroin from Green's apartment on Centre Street in downtown Baltimore, and another 300 grams of heroin from Carlos Scovens.

Initial appearances in United States District Court were held for Scovens at 1:00 p.m., and for Green and Larbi at 3:00 today.

Each defendant faces a maximum sentence of life.

A complaint is not a finding of guilt. An individual charged by complaint is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at some later criminal proceedings.

This case is being investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Baltimore City Police Department, Baltimore County Police Department and Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Philip S. Jackson, Charles J. Peters and Special Assistant United States Attorney James T. Wallner.